

Health Care Personnel Influenza Vaccination Subgroup (HCPIVS)

NVAC

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Charge

Develop recommendations on strategies to achieve the Healthy People 2020 annual goal of 90% influenza vaccine coverage for health care personnel.

Health care personnel (HCP) are defined^a as all paid and unpaid persons working in healthcare settings who have the potential for exposure to infectious materials. The settings for HCP include acute care hospitals, long-term care facilities, skilled nursing facilities, rehabilitation centers, physician's offices, urgent care centers, outpatient clinics, home health agencies, and emergency medical services. Thus HCP includes a range of those directly, indirectly, and not involved in patient care who have the potential for transmitting influenza to patients, other HCP, and others.

^aSource: HHS Action Plan to Prevent Healthcare-Associated Infections: Influenza Vaccination of Healthcare Personnel
(http://www.hhs.gov/ash/initiatives/hai/tier2_flu.html).

Previous Activities

- Formed in November 2010
- One to two conference calls per month
- Reviewed background materials
 - Review articles
 - Primary research
 - Position statements of stakeholder organizations
 - Commentaries, ethics, and news articles
 - Monographs

Relevant Presentations

Epidemiology of influenza in healthcare settings

Hilary Babcock (SHEA; IDSA; Washington University School of Medicine)

Ethics of strategies to improve HCP influenza vaccination

Nancy Berlinger (The Hastings Center)

Legal issues and a model law for HCP influenza vaccination

Alexandra Stewart (GWU School of Public Health and Health Policy)

Reporting influenza vaccination coverage

Megan Lindley (CDC/OID/NCIRD)

HCP influenza vaccination: New York State experience

Guthrie Birkhead (New York State Department of Health)

Management of occupational vaccine programs

Dr. Melanie Swift (ACOE; Vanderbilt Occupational Health Clinic)

First in-person meeting

February 16, 2011

- Policy position statements from representative organizations
- Discussion of pros and cons of strategies
- Discussion of timeline
- Future presentations

Future Presentations

- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
 - What measures CMS has in place to encourage HCP influenza vaccination, barriers to policies
- Veterans Administration
 - Experience with influenza vaccination programs
- CDC
 - Review literature on nosocomial influenza

Discussion Items for Future

- Timeline
- Group's product
- Process to develop group product
- Need for more presentations

Proposed Timeline

- May/June 2011 – stakeholder meetings
- June 2011 – present draft recommendations to the NVAC
- June/July 2011 – public comment
- September 2011 – present final recommendations to NVAC

Discussion